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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 090986

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MASS, JO, IR

SUBJECT: REBUILD BY IRAN OF JORDANIAN M48 TANKS

REFERENCE: A. AMMAN 3052  
/ B. STATE 076391  
C. STATE 054135

1. DEPARTMENT FULLY UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY'S PURPOSE AND  
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DUE. WE WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSMIT A COURTESY COPY OF  
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3. SECTION 4 OF THE AECA SET FORTH SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR  
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